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SUBJECT: PUSHING CROATIA FORWARD ON ICTY COOPERATION AND EU

ACCESSION

Classified By: Amb. James Foley, reasons 1.4 (b) & (d).

11. (C) SUMMARY: After making difficult concessions in order to conclude an Arbitration Agreement with Slovenia, Prime Minister Kosor now confi
CROATIA'S EFFORTS TO SATISFY ICTY

12. (U) Prime Minister Kosor, Justice Minister Simonovic, Interior Minister Karamarko and Chief State Prosecutor Bajic all met with visiting Sp

13. (C) All GOC officials insisted that Croatia is engaged in a good faith effort to locate whatever documents, if any, that can be found, and

14. (C) Ambassador Rapp told Kosor and others the Task Force's work was a "good faith" and "impressive" effort. Post shares this assessment of
ICTY CANNOT BE SATISFIED

15. (C) Brammertz for his part remains unwilling to acknowledge the full degree of Croatia's cooperation. In his written report to the UNSC he
RESULT: IMPASSE

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16. (U) The immediate problem is that several EU member states (in particular the UK and the Netherlands) have refused to allow Croatia to oper

17. (C) UK Ambassador Blunt (protect) told Ambassador Foley last week that some key officials in London regard Croatia as virtually unchanged s

18. (C) French Ambassador Pasquier told Ambassador Foley on November 28 that Paris was deeply concerned about Brammertz's expected contrasting
A NEW U.S. APPROACH

19. (C) The stakes for the U.S. of an enduring impasse on this issue are high -- not only a prolonged blockage of Croatia's EU accession with i

110. (C) To set the stage for this approach, post supports Ambassador Rapp's efforts vis a vis Mr. Brammertz in advance of the December 3 UNSC
-- Cooperation with the ICTY remains a fundamental obligation for all states in the region, and a sine qua non of Euro-Atlantic integration; --

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explore additional measures such as using outside expertise and engaging in more aggressive investigative techniques; -- For that reason, we ar

111. (C) Post expects Minister of Justice Simonovic to represent Croatia in the December 3 Security Council session. Simonovic told us that at